

REMARKS

OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has objected to the specification because the Examiner believes that it fails to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter within claims 18-23 and 31-37. The Examiner noted that original claims 3 and 5 provided the basis for the formula for the functional polymer, but the Examiner noted that these claims had been cancelled in the preliminary amendment.

In view of this objection, the Applicants have amended the specification to incorporate that subject matter originally provided in claim 3. Inasmuch as this information was originally provided in the specification as filed, no new matter is believed to have been added. Also, page 14 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of original claim 5.

The Examiner has also objected to claim 25 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 24. In view of this objection, claim 25 has been amended.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the invention. The Examiner believes that claim 30 is confusing due to the double inclusion of certain compounds. In view of this rejection, claim 30 has been amended.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have properly addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and therefore believe that they have properly set forth the claimed invention. Applicants also note that the Examiner has found claims 18-24, 26-29, and 31-37 to be allowable. In view of the amendments made to the specification and claims, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No new claims have been added and therefore no additional fees are believed

due at this time. Nonetheless, in the event that a fee required for the filing of this document is missing or insufficient, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0925.

Respectfully submitted,



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